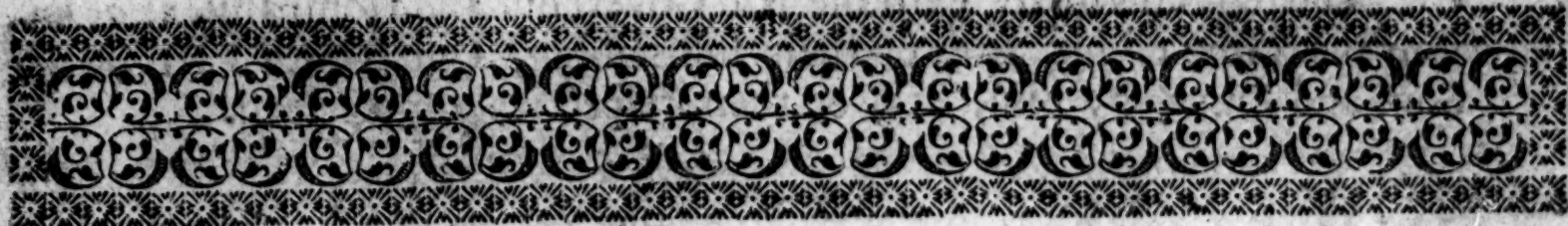


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PREAMBLE

TO THE

Books for taking a *Subscription* of Ten
Hundred Thousand Pounds

For the USE of the

BANK of ENGLAND.

WHEREAS in and by two several Acts of Parliament made in the Ninth and Twelfth Years of her Majesty's Reign: It is (amongst divers other Clauses and Things therein contained) Enacted, , "That for the better enabling the Governour and Company of the *Bank of England*, and their Successors, to Exchange upon Demand the Exchequer Bills in the said Acts mentioned, according to the same Acts; They the said Governour and Company, and their Successors, at any Time or Times, from and after the passing of the said Acts, during the Currency of the said Bills, or any of them, should have full Power and Authority; and they are thereby authorised, at their own good Liking, to Contract and Agree in such manner as they should think fit, with any Persons, Natives or Foreigners, Bodies Politick or Corporate, (with whose Abilities they should be well satisfied) for and concerning the furnishing of Monies, from time to time, by such Persons or Corporations, to the said Governour and Company, and their Successors, on such Terms, and under such Penalties and Forfeitures, as they should find necessary, for the better enabling them to Exchange all the said Bills upon Demand, and to perform the Undertakings therein mentioned, as in and by the said Acts (relation being thereunto had) more fully may appear.

AND WHEREAS the said Governour and Company of the *Bank of England*, for the surer Establishment and Support of their Credit, whereby they may be enabled to Exchange the said Exchequer Bills for Money at all times upon Demand, according to the Tenour of the said recited Acts, Have Resolved at this time to take in the Aid and Assistance of Ten Hundred Thousand Pounds, to be subscribed by all and every Person and Persons, who shall voluntarily enter into a Contract and Agree-

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their Successors: They the said Governour and Company, and their Successors, shall and will, within Ten Days after every such Payment respectively, deliver, or cause to be deliver'd to the respective Subscribers, demanding the same, his, her or their. Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, Bank Bills or Notes for the Amount of every such Payment, payable at the End of Twelve Months next after such respective Payment so made by such Subscribers, with Interest at the Rate of Six Pounds ¶ Cent. ¶ Ann. for the same. AND that they the said Governour and Company, or their Successors, shall and will pay, or cause to be paid, unto the said Subscribers, their Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, respectively complying with their Contracts herein contained, an Allowance or Reward, after the Rate of One Pound for every Hundred Pounds of the whole Sum by him, her, or them subscribed and contracted for, within fourteen Days after the said Twentieth Day of *April* next, although the whole Subscription may not happen to be called for; or in case the whole shall be called for, within Fourteen Days after the Payment thereof by each Subscriber, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns.

PROVIDED Always, And it is hereby Contracted and Agreed by and between the said Governour and Company of the *Bank of England*, for them and their Successors, and the said Subscribers, every one of them for him or her self only, and not the one for the other, That in case any Subscriber shall make Default in paying to the said Governour and Company, or their Successors, any Sum or Sums of Money, which he, she, or they do respectively hereby undertake to furnish or pay, or any part thereof, at the time or times the same is or are to become payable by the Tenour hereof, contrary to the Intent and true Meaning of these Presents, (Bank Bills or Notes as aforesaid being delivered, or ready to be delivered, at the *Bank*, for the preceding Payments made by such Subscriber or Subscribers in the manner before-mentioned) That then and in such Case the said Ten Pounds ¶ Cent. paid down by such Subscriber or Subscribers so making Default (which was herein before agreed to be deposited for securing the remaining Payments, and for which a conditional Receipt or Note is to be given in manner aforesaid) and the Interest thereof, together with the Reward or Allowance of One Pound ¶ Cent. before-mentioned, and contracted to be paid to such Subscriber or Subscribers so making Default, shall be forfeited and lost by such Subscriber or Subscribers, and shall thenceforth remain to the Use of the said Governour and Company; and their Successors for ever.

AND Lastly, It is Declared and Agreed, That the said Subscribers shall not be hereby obliged to furnish any Monies upon this Contract, which shall not be called for by the said Governour and Company, or their Successors, as aforesaid, within Eight Calendary Months, commencing the said Twentieth Day of *August* instant.

IN WITNESS Whereof, the said Governour and Company have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed. And the said Subscribers have set their respective Hands, the Sixth Day of *August*, 1713. and in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANNE*, Queen of *Great Britain*, &c.

We underwritten do Subscribe, upon the Terms of this Contract, the Sums written against our respective Names.

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